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--ABSTRACT

The invention concerns a method for determining the activity of a substance using a functional test, characterized in that it consists in detecting and/or measuring the variation of a known function corresponding to one or several proteins produced *in vitro* in the presence and in the absence of said substances or to the substance in the presence or in the absence of one or several proteins produced *in vitro*.--